

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. One sided programs such as "Stolen Honor" do not serve the public interest and do not give even attempt to give people a fair and balanced view of the candidates.

When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need to promote independent decision-making and democracy. We should expect television to provide us with the views of real people from our own communities and substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.